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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be administered to interested sophomores and juniors on:

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 7:45-11:00 a.m.** at New Paltz High School

The PSAT provides students with the opportunity to become familiar with the testing formats of the SAT, which is a test required for college admission. Additionally, for students in their junior year of high school, taking the PSAT will place your child into the competition for the National Merit Scholarship, which is awarded solely on the basis of scores obtained on the PSAT. This is the only day that the test will be administered at New Paltz High School.

Students will be instructed to sign up and pay for the test in the Guidance Office, where they will receive a PSAT student guide and practice test. The non-refundable fee for the exam is \$16.00, payable by cash or check and must be paid at time of sign up. Checks should be written to the New Paltz Central School District. If your child is currently eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch, please bring your confirmation letter to obtain a fee waiver. School counselors will be visiting Social Studies classes to explain the benefits of taking this test.

Students must sign up prior to October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please feel free to contact your child's counselor if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

NPHS School Counselors

**“New Paltz High School...caring, connecting, and making a difference.”**

*New Paltz Central High School Mission Statement:*

*“To become a community of learners that emphasizes mutual respect and responsibility in which everyone realizes their potential.”*